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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON

## **Eugene Division**

BRANDON AUSTIN,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 6:15-cv-02257-MC (Lead)

v.

DECLARATION OF MICHELLE BARTON SMIGEL IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS'

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO SEAL

WEINTRAUB; CHICORA MARTIN; ROBIN HOLMES; and MICHAEL R.

GOTTFREDSON, all in their individual

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON: SANDY

capacities only,

**DOCUMENTS** 

Defendants.

DOMINIC ARTIS and DAMYEAN DOTSON,

Plaintiffs.

Case No. 6:16-cv-00647-MC

v.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON; SANDY

WEINTRAUB; CHICORA MARTIN; ROBIN

HOLMES; and MICHAEL R.

GOTTFREDSON, all in their individual

capacities only,

Defendants.

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I, Michelle Barton Smigel, declare as follows:

I am one of the attorneys for defendants University of Oregon, Sandy Weintraub,

Chicora Martin, Robin Holmes, and Michael R. Gottfredson. I make this declaration on personal

knowledge or from sources deemed reliable. I am competent to testify with respect to the

matters set forth below.

1.

2. Upon learning of the exhibits filed by plaintiffs containing the name of the female

complainant in the sexual misconduct matter at issue in this lawsuit, I e-mailed the court on

Wednesday, August 17, copying opposing counsel, to ask that the documents be sealed.

Plaintiffs responded by e-mail acknowledging their oversight and stating that they do not oppose

the request to seal. Attached as Exhibit 1 is an August 17, 2016, e-mail exchange between Alex

Spiro, Brian Michaels, the court, and me. I also left a follow up voicemail with the court on

Thursday, August 18 regarding our request to seal the documents.

3. On Monday, August 22, plaintiffs' counsel e-mailed opposing counsel and the

court (Charlene Pew) indicating that they agree to sealing the identity of the complainant

"regarding only this particular subject at this time" and that they agree to keep her identity

confidential "until such other time" in the case.

4. On Monday, August 22, the court alerted me by phone that the court had

temporarily placed the documents in question under seal in response to our request so that no one

could access them but that a party would need to file a motion to seal for the documents to

remain sealed and indicated that plaintiffs' counsel had been given the same information earlier

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in the day. On August 23, the court confirmed via email to the parties that the documents had

been temporarily sealed by the court and that a motion to seal would need to be filed in order for

the documents to remain permanently sealed.

Pursuant to 28 USC § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true

and correct.

Executed on this 23rd day of August, 2016, in Portland, Oregon.

s/ Michelle B. Smigel

Michelle Barton Smigel

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Declaration of Michelle Barton Smigel in Support of Unopposed Motion to Seal Documents and Memorandum in Support on:

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	First-class mail, postage prepaid.
	Hand-delivery.
	DATED this 23rd day of August, 2016.

s/ Michelle B. Smigel
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